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Subject: Proposition 84 IRWM Planning Grant – Preliminary Recommendation Comments

Dear Mr. Yun:

I am very pleased to see that the Gateway IRWM Region's planning grant application has been recommended for funding under Proposition 84 by the Department of Water Resources staff and want to express my support for the award of this grant to the Gateway IRWM Authority.

The Gateway Region is a tremendously diverse area of nearly 2 million people. Twelve of the 26 cities in the region are classified as disadvantaged. Therefore, the Gateway Authority has structured its governing board to include officials from disadvantaged communities, water retailers and wholesalers, and water quality advocacy groups, ensuring that all stakeholders have a direct say in guiding, selecting, and participating in the decision-making process for both regional planning and implementation efforts. The funding recommended by DWR for planning efforts will enable the Gateway Authority to efficiently and effectively coordinate a truly inclusive planning and implementation process.

I appreciate the enormous undertaking by Department of Water Resources to craft guidelines and solicitations to carry out the IRWM program. I encourage your continued support of IRWM groups like the Gateway IRWM Authority, which place disadvantaged community leaders at the helm of regional planning efforts and which continue to enjoy ground-level support from their stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Alan Lowenthal  
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